

The Gulf Coast Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (GC-CESU) is part of the national CESU Network, which covers 17 biogeographic regions. GC-CESU provides a platform for partners from universities, federal agencies and nongovernmental organizations to collaborate to conduct research, provide education and share technical assistance.

### Regional Impact

The GC-CESU serves seven states from Texas to Florida as a vehicle for increasing the availability of working collaborations and the quality of research projects within and beyond the region. Texas A&M AgriLife Research through Texas A&M Institute of Renewable Natural Resources serves as the host for the GC-CESU.

### Benefits

Federal agencies gain access to top university scientists among more than 30 major university research programs in the region. Universities benefit from additional resources and opportunities for multi-agency research projects.

### Federal Partners

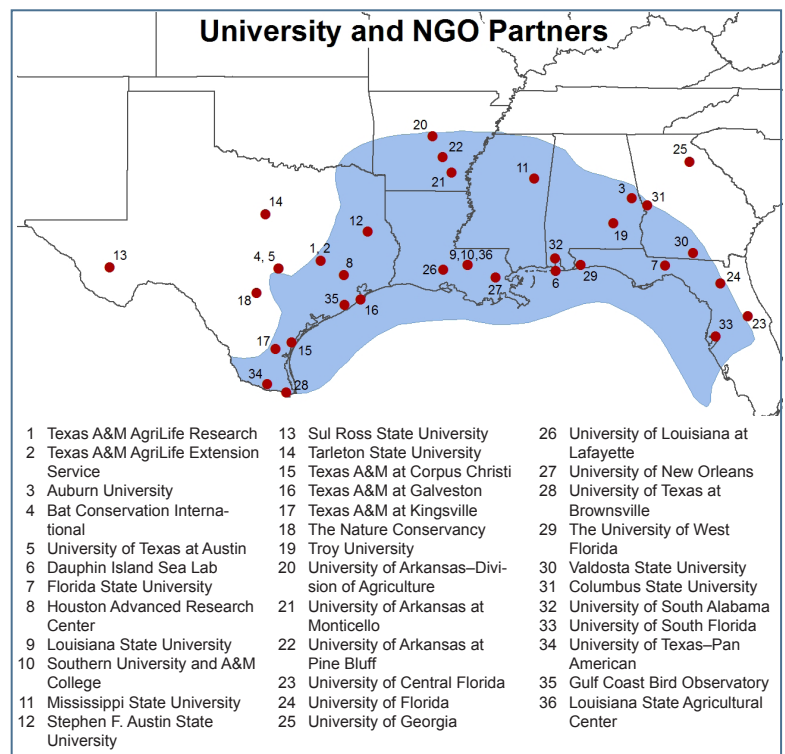
- Bureau of Land Management
- U.S. Department of Defense
- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
- National Aeronautics and Space Administration
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- National Park Service
- USDA National Resources Conservation Service
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- U.S. Forest Service
- U.S. Geological Survey—Biological Resources Division

### Problem Solving

Federal agencies can expand their scientific capacity by building multi-disciplinary, multi-agency teams to solve problems related to their agency missions. This collaboration encourages innovation and promotes timely exchange of information among partners.

### Improved Efficiency

Universities provide space, administrative support, and access to university resources, faculty, students and staff. Federal agencies contribute research scientists and personnel, project funding and technical assistance. The GC-CESU streamlines processes for project work orders, funding, overhead and cost sharing for greater efficiency. For example, a pre-negotiated, indirect cost available through the GC-CESU is lower than standard university indirect costs (presently 17.5 percent).



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